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MEGA MAN'S CREATOR

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MEGA MAN'S ROBO-DOG

DR. ALBERT WILY
EVIL GENIUS/
MEGA MAN'S ENEMY

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He was created as **Rock**, model number **DLN-001**. In a time of crisis, he was changed into **Mega Man**, the super fighting robot. This little boy robot, built to help others, has fought and risked it all to save the world time and again.

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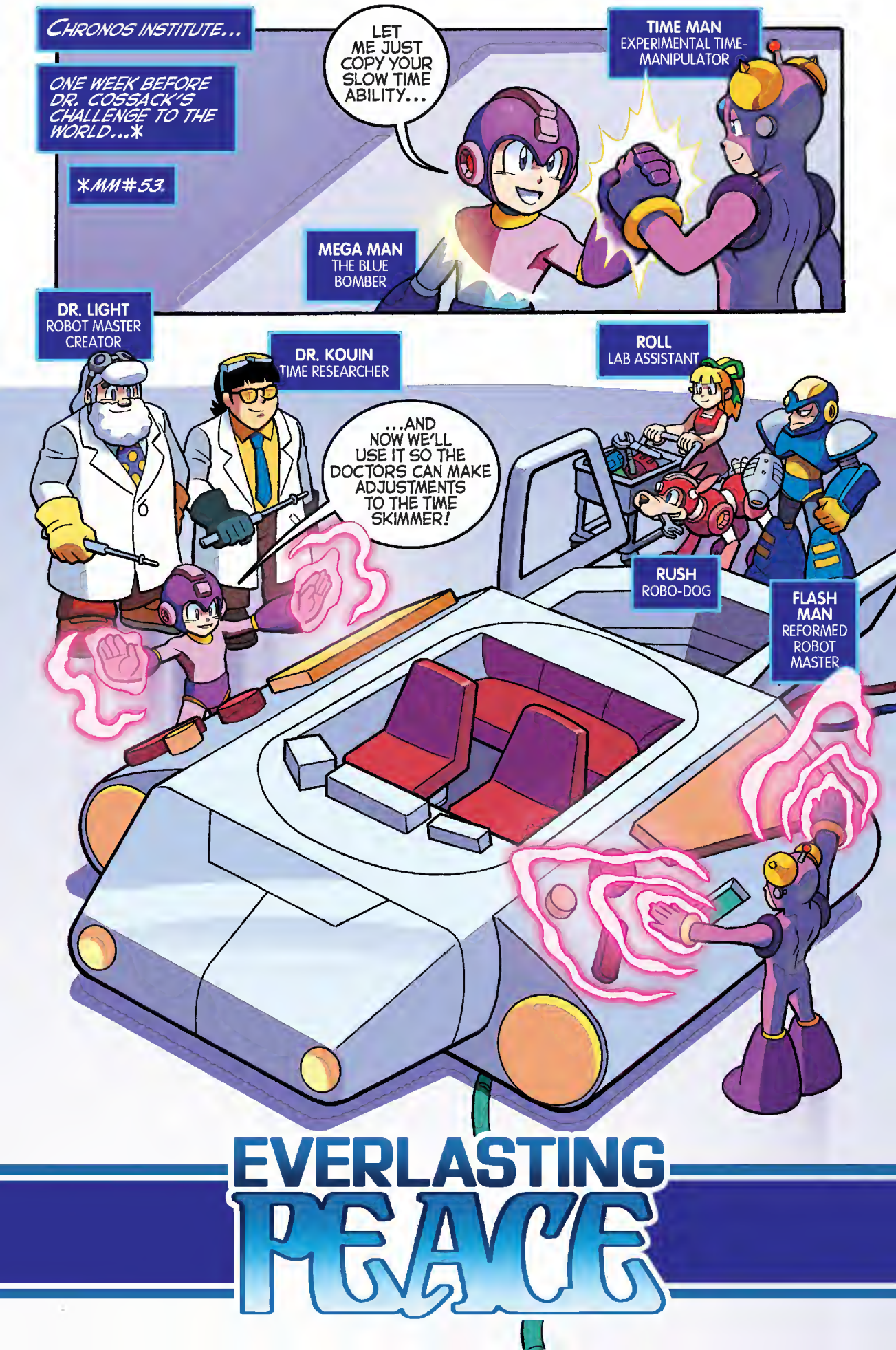
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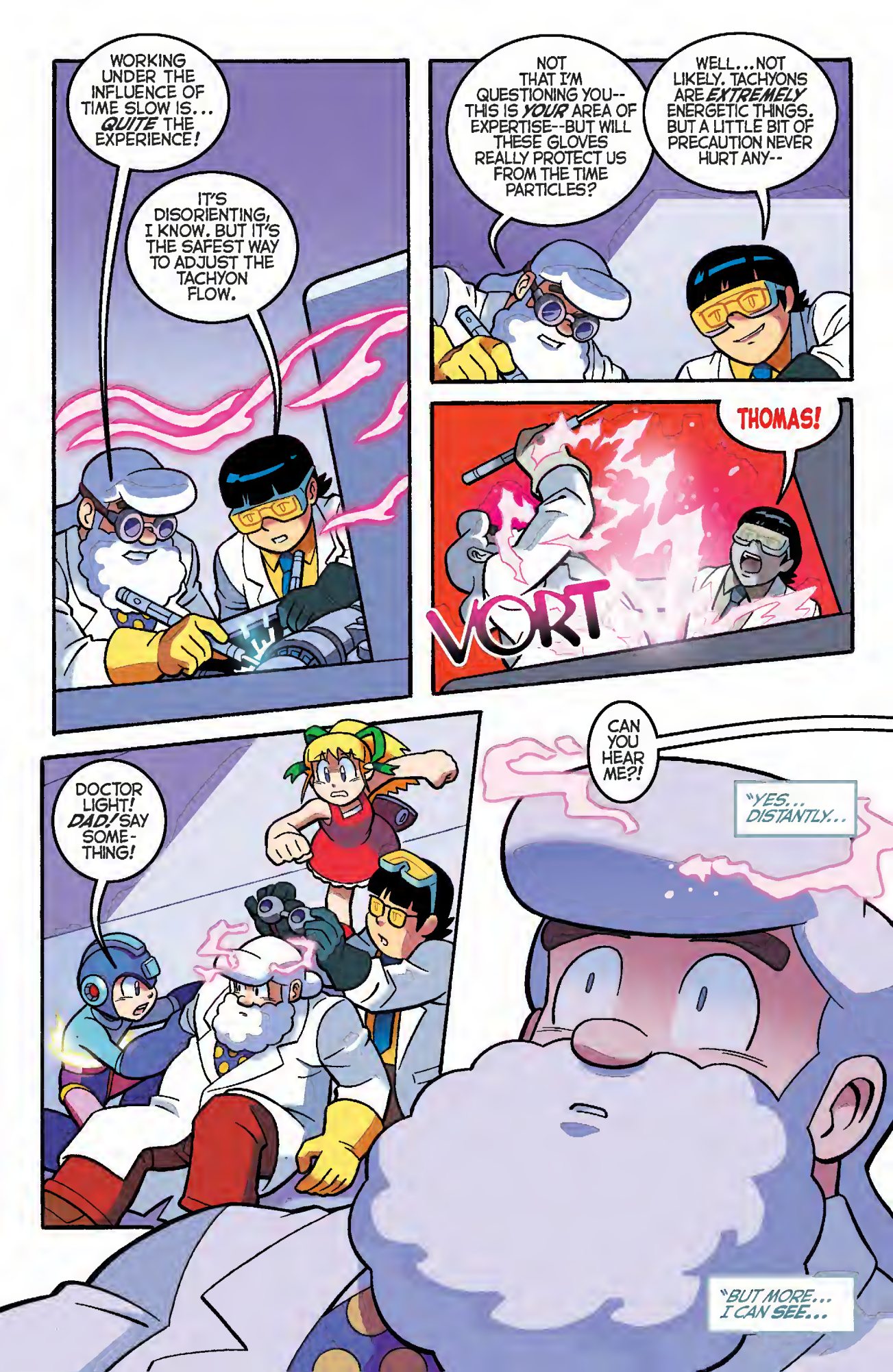
ONE WEEK BEFORE DR. COSSACK'S CHALLENGE TO THE WORLD...*
*MM#53
LET ME JUST COPY YOUR SLOW TIME ABILITY...
TIME MAN
EXPERIMENTAL TIME-MANIPULATOR
MEGA MAN
THE BLUE BOMBER
DR. LIGHT
ROBOT MASTER CREATOR
DR. KOUIN
TIME RESEARCHER
ROLL
LAB ASSISTANT
...AND NOW WE'LL USE IT SO THE DOCTORS CAN MAKE ADJUSTMENTS TO THE TIME SKIMMER!
RUSH
ROBO-DOG
FLASH MAN
REFORMED ROBOT MASTER
EVERLASTING PEACE


WORKING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF TIME SLOW IS... QUITE THE EXPERIENCE!
IT'S DISORIENTING, I KNOW. BUT IT'S THE SAFEST WAY TO ADJUST THE TACHYON FLOW.
NOT THAT I'M QUESTIONING YOU-- THIS IS YOUR AREA OF EXPERTISE--BUT WILL THESE GLOVES REALLY PROTECT US FROM THE TIME PARTICLES?
WELL...NOT LIKELY. TACHYONS ARE EXTREMELY ENERGETIC THINGS. BUT A LITTLE BIT OF PRECAUTION NEVER HURT ANY--
THOMAS!
VORT
DOCTOR LIGHT! DAD! SAY SOME-THING!
CAN YOU HEAR ME?!
"YES... DISTANTLY...
"BUT MORE... I CAN SEE...

"...BUT WHAT AM I SEEING?
"MIKHAIL... WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?

"AND NOW THIS... ANOTHER COPY ROBOT?
"NO, HE SEEMS MORE...FAMILIAR... THAN THAT...

"BLUES?! ARE YOU LEADING THIS ARMY?
"NO, I DON'T BELIEVE THAT'S TRULY YOU...

"WH-WHAT ARE THESE ROBOTS...?
"THEY DON'T LOOK TO BE OF THIS WORLD...

"SO MANY FOREIGN DESIGNS...
"...BUT WHO SENDS THEM AGAINST YOU, SON?

"ALBERT... YOU'RE ALIVE...
"AND WHAT FEARSOME MACHINES HAVE YOU RETURNED WITH?!

"DO THE BATTLES NEVER END?
"WHERE DID YOU GET THE MEANS FOR ALL THIS, ALBERT?

"A ROBOT LEADING HIS OWN ARMY?
"WAS XANDER RIGHT? WILL THE ROBOTS RISE AGAINST US?

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"THESE... THESE ARE MY CREATIONS. MY DESIGNS!
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"WHY DO THEY LOOK SO... SAD?
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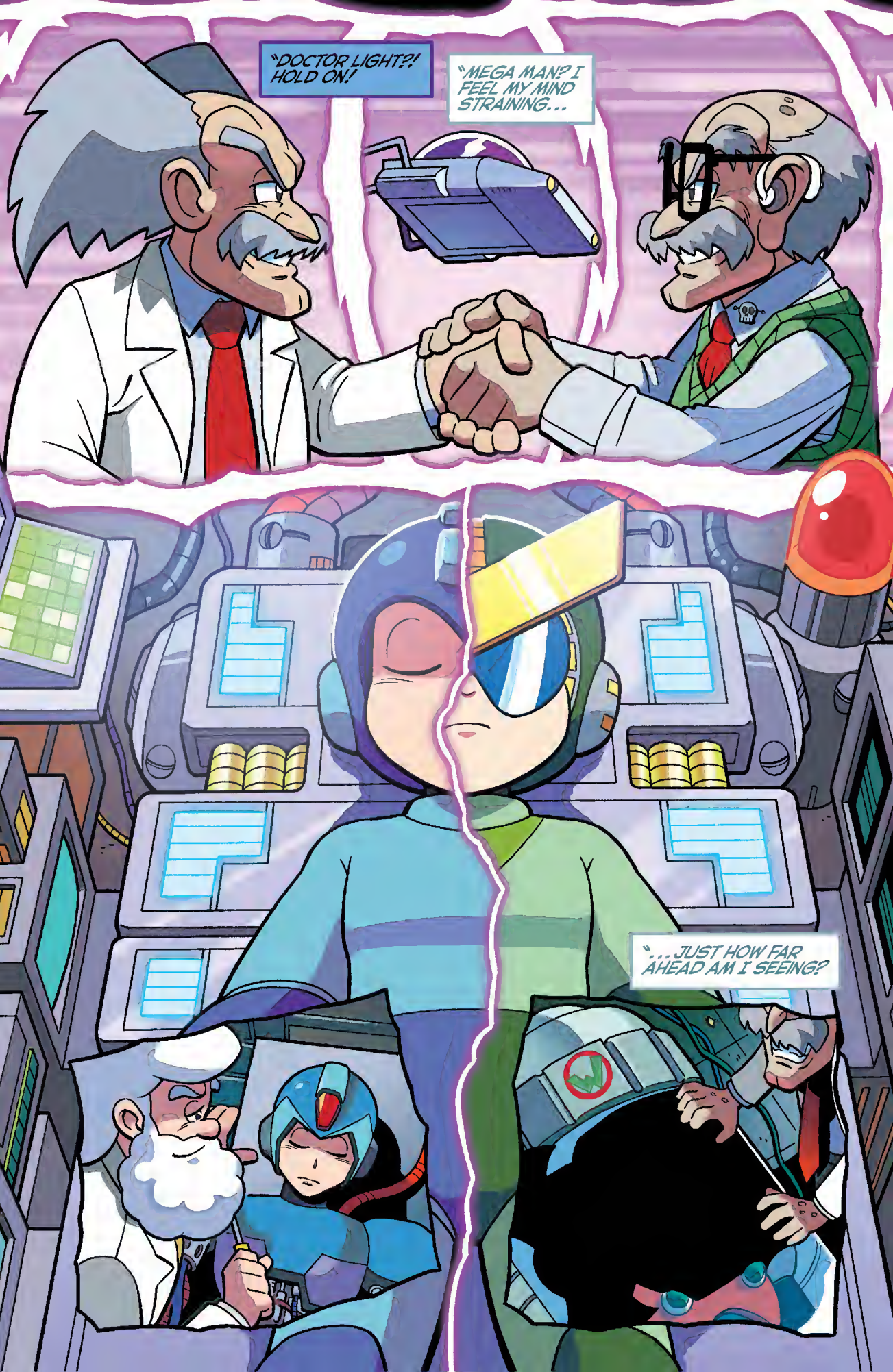
"THESE ROBOTS HAVE BEEN DRIVEN MAD!
"WHAT COULD CORRUPT THEIR PROGRAMMING SO BADLY?


"DOCTOR LIGHT?! HOLD ON!
"MEGA MAN? I FEEL MY MIND STRAINING...
"...JUST HOW FAR AHEAD AM I SEEING?

"THESE ROBOTS... THEY'RE ALIVE!
"IT'S A SUBTLE DIFFERENCE, BUT THEY'RE WELL BEYOND THE ROBOT MASTERS!

"DO THE BATTLES NEVER END?
"I GET SUCH A SENSE OF DESPERATION... OF SADNESS...

"I FEEL AS THOUGH THE BURDEN HAS BEEN PASSED...
"...BUT THAT THEY'RE STILL PAYING FOR PAST MISTAKES.

"I...I CAN'T TELL...
"ARE THESE HUMAN BEINGS OR MACHINES?

"AND THIS... MAN AND MACHINE SEEM TO BE ONE!
"THE WORLD BELOW LIES IN FLOODED RUIN..."

THE PARAMEDICS ARE HERE.
PERFECT. MY TIME STOP JUST WORE OFF.
WHU... WHERE ...?
HE'S WAKING UP!
HOW DO YOU FEEL?
STRAINED... OVERWHELMED... I...I SAW VISIONS... THEY'RE ALL FADING AWAY AS FAST AS THEY CAME...
AND YET I'M FILLED WITH THIS SENSE OF... DREAD. SO MUCH PAIN AND DEVASTATION... HAVE I SET HUMANITY ON A DOOMED COURSE...?
PRESSURE'S OKAY. PULSE IS HIGH, THOUGH.
DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOU ARE, SIR? WHO YOU ARE?
Y-YES. I'M THOMAS LIGHT, AND THIS IS THE CHRONOS INSTITUTE.
FLASH MAN KEPT HIM IN STASIS UNTIL YOU GOT HERE!
NO...THAT'S FOOLISH. THERE WILL ALWAYS BE ADVERSITY, AND THOSE WHO'LL MISUSE WHAT I'VE MADE...

...BUT THERE IS ALWAYS HOPE. AND WHILE THE MEMORIES ARE VANISHING, I KNOW THERE WILL ALWAYS BE A MEGA MAN TO PROTECT US.
ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE OKAY, DOCTOR LIGHT?
I AM, SON. THANKS TO YOU.
THIS IS THE END OF MEGA MAN'S COMIC ADVENTURES FOR NOW, BUT IT WILL NEVER BE THE END OF MEGA MAN HIMSELF! THANKS FOR FIFTY-FIVE FANTASTIC ISSUES, MEGA FANS!

Letters from the EDITORS

TWO "everlasting pieces" of awesome editorial commentary!

The year **200X.**

It's funny. In addition to being the year that the **Mega Man** universe starts in, 200X could also be read as 2010, which was the year that the world learned that **Archie Comics** would be producing an all-new *Mega Man* comic book series, myself included!

That year marked the first **New York Comic Con** I ever attended, and I fully remember seeing the large promotional poster for the new series at Archie's booth. I was so excited; I couldn't believe that another beloved video game icon was getting a chance to shine in comics!

In a twist of fate, I started interning at Archie about two months after the convention and I've been working with them ever since! It has been an honor to work on this series since its inception and the experiences I've had with our extremely talented team will be held dearly in my heart.

It's clear to me that the *Mega Man* comics have their own voice and prove to be *much* more than a simple comic book based on a video game character. They are a labor of love. **Ian Flynn** understands the Mega Man character better than anyone. His devotion to the lore, the world, characters and themes are the reason why the stories are so enjoyable and relatable. He deserves my sincere thanks for a job well done and for serving the fans with such dedication.

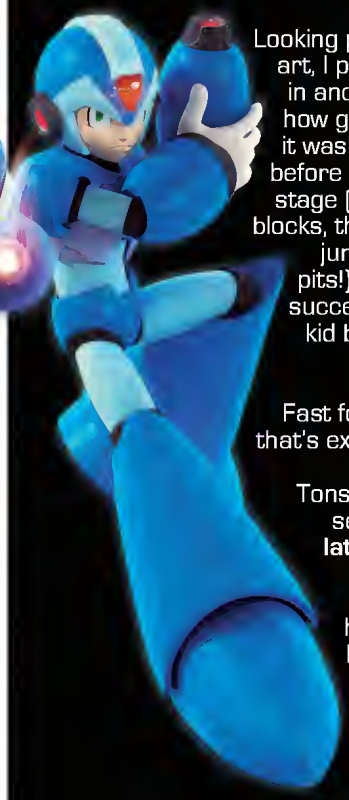
In addition, the amazing teams of artists who have worked on this series deserve much admiration for their contributions and devotion to make this book look so darn good month after month. To **Ian Flynn**, **Patrick Spaziante**, **Gary Martin**, **John Workman**, **Matt Herms**, **Ryan Jampole**, **Jamal Peppers**, **Aleah Baker, Jonathan H. Gray** and **the many others who have poured their hearts and souls into this book**, *thank you* for all the great work!

And of course, thank you, **the fans**, for coming along for the journey! We hope you've enjoyed the adventure! Rest assured, with your dedication and support, Mega Man will continue on **for everlasting peace!**

– Vincent "Vin" Lovallo
Editor

Vin 2015

On Christmas day, **1987**, my mother gifted me my first **NES**. I was crazy for Mario, (everyone was) but, for getting good grades, Mom went and bought me a li'l something extra—a "cherry on top"... a little something called **Mega Man**.



Looking past its "unique" box art, I popped the cartridge in and became undone at how genuinely challenging it was! It was a good while before I'd defeat **Ice Man's** stage (Those disappearing blocks, those perfectly timed jumps over ginormous pits!), and when I'd finally succeeded, my 7-year-old kid brain registered this feat as herculean!

Fast forward to today and that's exactly how I feel now.

Tons of games, 6 spinoff series and **55 issues later,** I realize that I've faced many of my personal challenges head-on and, in turn, helped contribute to several somethings that brought me joy as a child. That's why it's my sincerest hope that this comic book has brought **you**, kids and adults alike, equal amounts of fun and joy.

I've been working with **Archie Comics** for over 10 years: either freelance or full-time. No matter who has come or gone in that tenure, one thing that's always struck me about the crew of **Mega Man** is the sheer love, dedication and passion that each person has put forth into making this book exceptional. Watching this book grow and evolve has truly been a wonderful experience.

To all of our fans: Never stop having fun! Never stop reading comics! Never stop finding the joy in anything and everything! Never stop being amazed! And never, ***ever,*** under any circumstances, stop being the amazing person that **you** are. This is my message to you.

Thank you for reading *Mega Man* with us and for your constant support. This character would **truly not be** if not for ***you***. *This* is our milestone.

Until we meet again...

– Jonathan H. Gray
Assistant Editor

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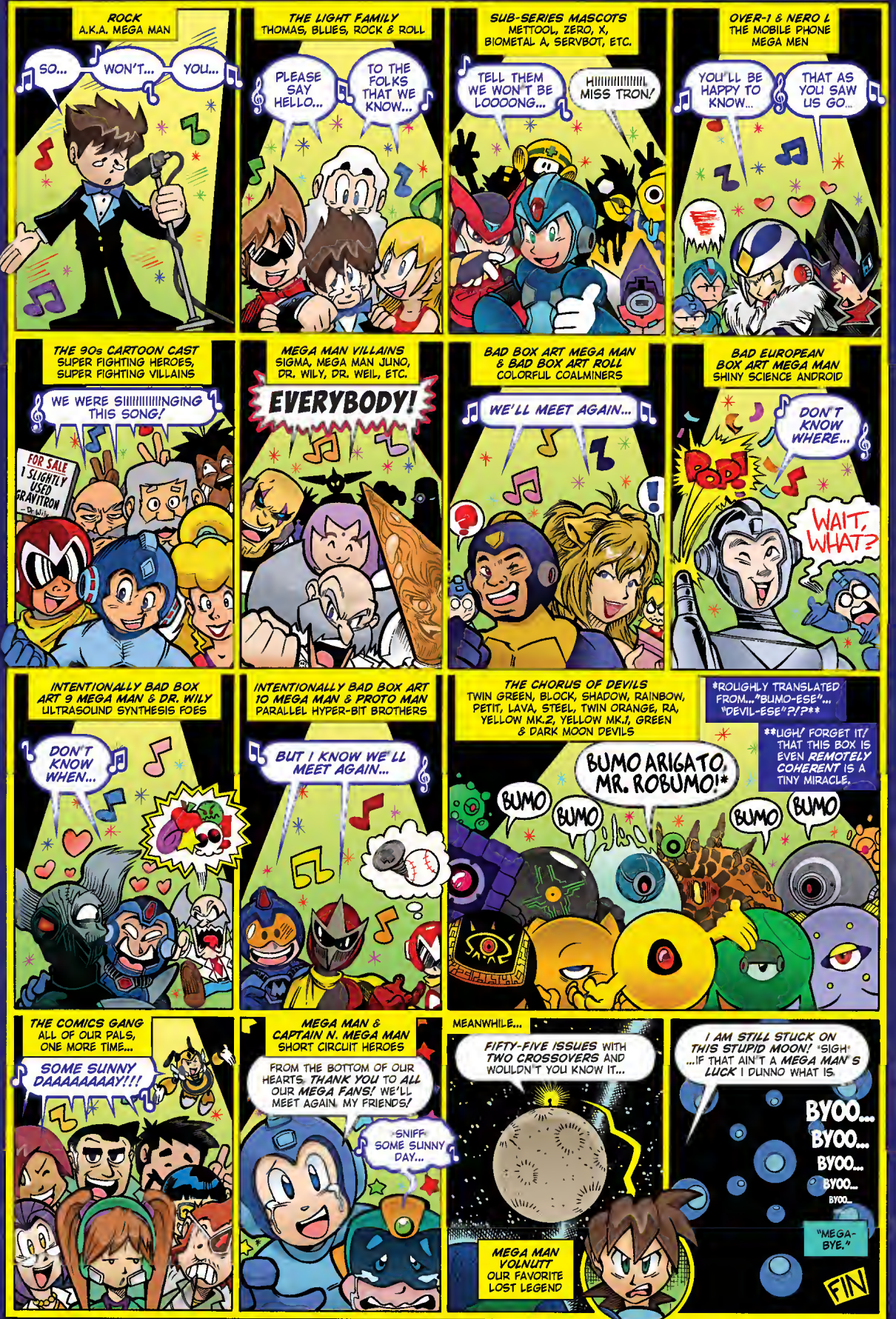
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SO...
WON'T...
YOU...
THE LIGHT FAMILY
THOMAS, BLUES, ROCK & ROLL
PLEASE SAY HELLO...
TO THE FOLKS THAT WE KNOW...
SUB-SERIES MASCOTS
METTOOL, ZERO, X, BIOMETAL A, SERVBOT, ETC.
TELL THEM WE WON'T BE LOOOONG...
HIIIIIIIIIIIIIIL MISS TRON!
OVER-1 & NERO L
THE MOBILE PHONE MEGA MEN
YOU'LL BE HAPPY TO KNOW...
THAT AS YOU SAW US GO...
THE 90s CARTOON CAST
SUPER FIGHTING HEROES, SUPER FIGHTING VILLAINS
WE WERE SIIIIIIIIIIIIINGING THIS SONG!
FOR SALE 1 SLIGHTLY USED GRAVITRON
MEGA MAN VILLAINS
SIGMA, MEGA MAN JUNO, DR. WILY, DR. WEIL, ETC.
EVERYBODY!
BAD BOX ART MEGA MAN & BAD BOX ART ROLL
COLORFUL COALMINERS
WE'LL MEET AGAIN...
BAD EUROPEAN BOX ART MEGA MAN
SHINY SCIENCE ANDROID
DON'T KNOW WHERE...
POP!
WAIT, WHAT?
INTENTIONALLY BAD BOX ART 9 MEGA MAN & DR. WILY
ULTRASOUND SYNTHESIS FOES
DON'T KNOW WHEN...
INTENTIONALLY BAD BOX ART 10 MEGA MAN & PROTO MAN
PARALLEL HYPER-BIT BROTHERS
BUT I KNOW WE'LL MEET AGAIN...
THE CHORUS OF DEVILS
TWIN GREEN, BLOCK, SHADOW, RAINBOW, PETIT, LAVA, STEEL, TWIN ORANGE, RA, YELLOW MK.2, YELLOW MK.1, GREEN & DARK MOON DEVILS
*ROUGHLY TRANSLATED FROM..."BUMO-ESE"... "DEVIL-ESE"?/?**
**UGH! FORGET IT! THAT THIS BOX IS EVEN REMOTELY COHERENT IS A TINY MIRACLE.
BUMO ARIGATO, MR. ROBUMO!*
BUMO
BUMO
BUMO
BUMO
THE COMICS GANG
ALL OF OUR PALS, ONE MORE TIME...
SOME SUNNY DAAAAAAAAY!!!
MEGA MAN & CAPTAIN N. MEGA MAN
SHORT CIRCUIT HEROES
FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS, THANK YOU TO ALL OUR MEGA FANS! WE'LL MEET AGAIN, MY FRIENDS!
SNIFF SOME SUNNY DAY...
MEANWHILE...
FIFTY-FIVE ISSUES WITH TWO CROSSOVERS AND WOULDN'T YOU KNOW IT...
MEGA MAN VOLNUTT OUR FAVORITE LOST LEGEND
I AM STILL STUCK ON THIS STUPID MOON! *SIGH* ...IF THAT AIN'T A MEGA MAN'S LUCK I DUNNO WHAT IS.
BYOO...
BYOO...
BYOO...
BYOO...
BYOO...
"MEGA-BYE."
FIN

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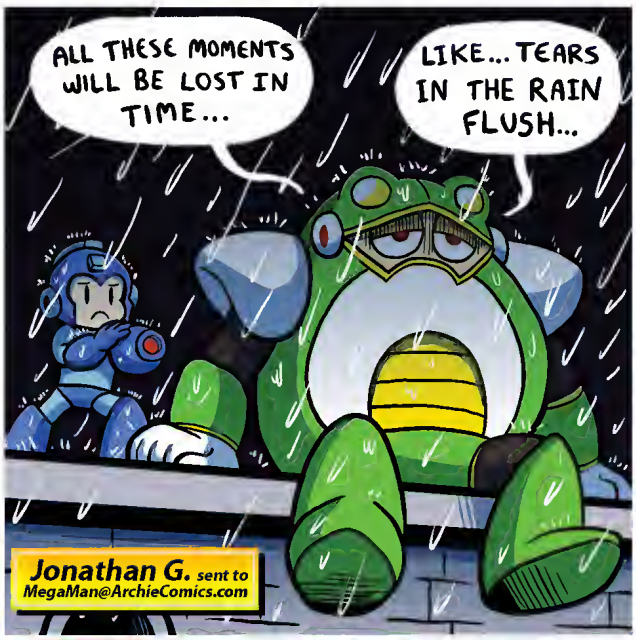

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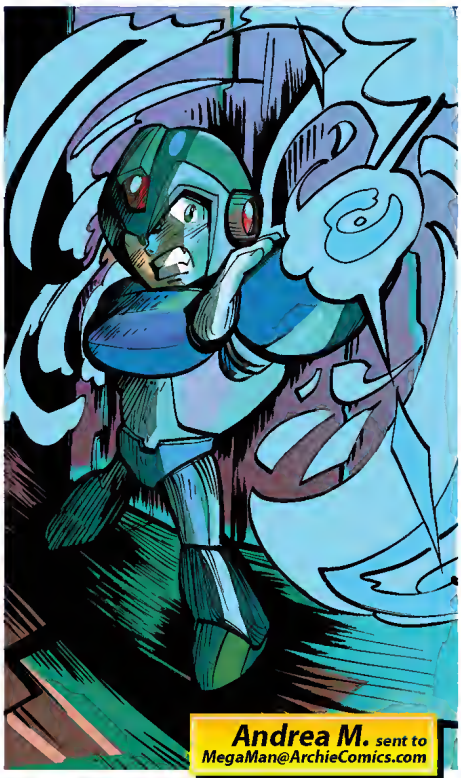

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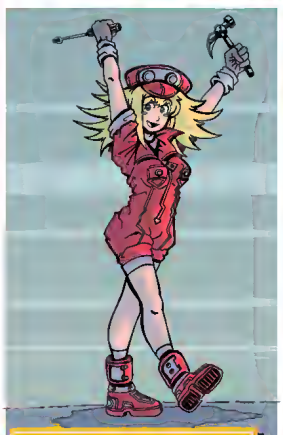

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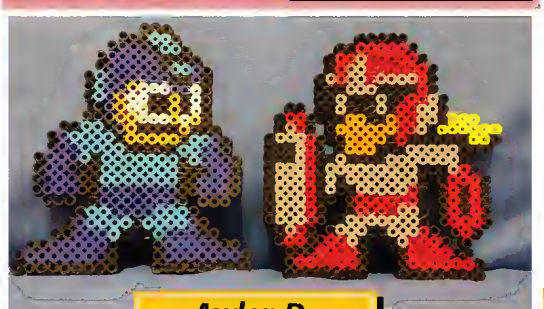

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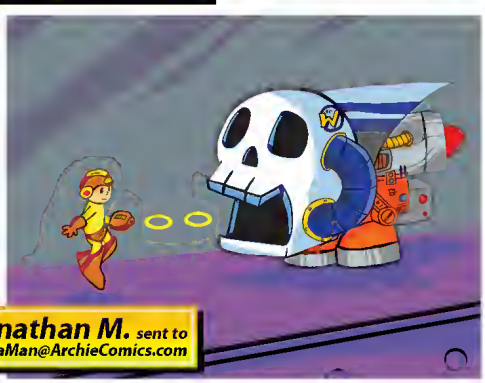

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